

Egyptian Regional Human Rights Authority
Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2010

I: Call to Order:

The regular monthly meeting of the Egyptian Regional Human Rights Authority was called to order at 5:40 PM by the Chairperson, Pam O'Connor. The meeting was held at Western Sizzlin Meeting Room, 1808 Bittle Place in Marion.

II: Roll Call:

Members Present: Pam O'Connor, Kathy Rambeau, Sharon Mumford, Clarence Russell, Al Farmer, Jim Livesay, Brad Friend

Members Absent: Phyllis Brown

Staff Present: Judy Atherton

Guests: Paul Jones, Representative and Melissa Gross, Assistant Administrator...(Chester Mental Health Center (CMHC))

III: Determination of a Quorum: It was determined that a quorum was present.

IV: Introductions: The HRA Coordinator introduced Ms. Gross and Mr. Jones to the HRA members.

V: Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting: Mumford moved to accept the minutes as written. The motion was properly seconded (Farmer) and carried.

VI: Confidentiality Statement: Chairperson O'Connor stated that personally identifiable information should not be presented in a public meeting to protect the privacy of those disabled persons on whose behalf the HRA conducts investigation. In addition, a printed confidentiality statement was posted.

Friend moved to amend the agenda and to enter closed session to accommodate the guests and discuss cases involving CMHC. The motion was properly seconded (Livesay) and carried. Closed session began at 5:45 PM.

VII: Unfinished Business

A. Case Status Updates (Chester Mental Health Center Cases)

11-110-9002....A case status update was given by the Coordinator with input from the HRA members and CMHC personnel (Representative & Assistant Administrator)

11-110-9005....A case status update was given by the Coordinator with input from the HRA members and CMHC personnel.

11-110-9008...A case status update was given by the Coordinator with input from the HRA members and CMHC personnel.

11-110-9009...A case status update was given by the Coordinator with input from the HRA members and CMHC personnel.

11-110-9010...A case status update was given by the Coordinator with input from the HRA members and CMHC personnel.

11-110-9011...A case status update was given by the Coordinator with input from the HRA members and CHMC personnel.

B: Reports of Findings (CMHC)

10-110-9048...Livesay moved to approve the draft report as written and to send it to the provider. The motion was properly seconded (Mumford) and carried.

11-110-9004...Mumford moved to approve the draft report as written, subject to the HRA Director's approval, and to send it to the provider upon approval. The motion was properly seconded (Russell) and carried.

11-110-9006...Friend moved to approve the draft report as written and to send it to the provider. The motion was properly seconded (Mumford) and carried.

C: Closure (CMHC)

10-110-9044...Rambeau moved to close the case, make the findings a part of the public record and to send the report to the complainant.

10-110-9045...Mumford moved to close the case, make the findings a part of the public record and to send the report to the complainant.

Chester Mental Health personnel exited the meeting at 6:25 PM. After the visitors departed, the HRA members conducted the following in closed session.

A: Update:

10-110-9049...Choate Mental Health Center (MI Division)...Chairman O'Connor and Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update.

B: Report of Findings:

10-110-9043...Union County Ambulance Service...Friend moved to approve the draft report as written and to send it to the provider. The motion was properly seconded (Mumford) and carried.

C: Closure:

10-110-9025...Pathway House II...Friend moved to accept the provider's second response, close the case, make the findings a part of the public record, to send the report to CILA licensing for informational purposes, and to send the report to the complainant. The motion was properly seconded (Russell) and carried.

The Chairperson ended the closed session at 6:40 PM. Coordinator Atherton reported that the following actions were taken regarding cases involving CMHC while staff from the facility were present during the closed session: 1) Six status updates, 2) two reports of findings approved as written, 3) one report of findings approved, subject to the HRA Director's approval, and 4) two

cases were closed with the findings to be made a part of the public record. After the guests departed the following actions were taken regarding cases not involving CMHC: 1) One case status update, 2) One Report of Findings approved as written, and 3) One case closed with the findings to be made a part of the public record and the report sent to CILA licensing for informational purposes.

VIII: Communication:

The Coordinator reported that a second response had been received from Pathway House II and noted that the contents had been discussed in closed session.

IX: New Business:

A: New Complaints

11-110-9013...A state-operated mental health center has confiscated a package which was sent from a family member to a recipient at the facility. The package contained individually packaged facility approved items. Mumford moved to accept the new complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Friend) and carried.

11-110-9014...Security cameras, which have been recently installed at a state-operated mental health facility, are placed outside the door of recipients' rooms and near the showers. The placement of the cameras does not allow recipients to have privacy. Rambeau moved to accept the new complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Russell) and carried.

11-110-9015...1) A recipient at state-operated mental health center was forced to take medication over his objection. 2) The recipient was inappropriately placed in restraints. Friend moved to accept the new complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Mumford) and carried.

11-110-9016...New programming implemented at a state-operated mental health facility does not allow recipients to have free time and any choice in the selection of their classes. Friend moved to table the opening until more information can be obtained. The motion was properly seconded (Russell) and carried.

11-110-9017...1) Facility staff at a state-operated mental health facility abused a recipient at the facility. 2) The recipient was inappropriately placed in restraints. The allegation of abuse was reported to OIG as soon as the complaint was received. An OIG Investigator reported that the information is being reviewed and an investigation will be conducted. Rambeau moved to accept the restraint issue for investigation; however, to not accept the allegation of abuse since OIG will review the matter. The motion was properly seconded (Russell) and carried.

X: Announcements:

The members agreed to have the next meeting at 5 PM on January 25, 2011 at the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission Office, 7 Cottage Drive in Anna.

XI: Adjournment:

Farmer moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was properly seconded (Livesay) and carried. The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Rambeau, Secretary
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